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SUBJECT: SECVISIT LA: SECURITY SITREP NO. 2

REF: A. MEXICO 3250 B. STATE 89050

1. SECURITY SITREP AS OF 1800 HOURS MAY 10 FOLLOWS.
2. SUBSEQUENT TO SUBMISSION OF REF (A), VARIOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND MILITARY HAVE CONTINUED TO ROUNDUP SUSPECTS IN LEONHARDY KIDNAPPING. THIS ACTIVITY HAS BEEN ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY CENTERED IN GUADALAJARA.
3. DURING COURSE OF CALL ON CHARGE MAY 10, LEBANESE AMBASSADOR AND DELEGATION OF PROMINENT MEMBERS OF LOCAL LEBANESE COLONY WERE ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE ARAB TERRORIST ACTIVITY WITHIN MEXICO. (THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN RAISED BY AMBASSADOR NAFFAH ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS; HE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP ARE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARDS US, AND HAVE PASSED ON PERTINENT INFORMATION IN PAST). NONE OF GROUP HAD INFORMATION OF ANY SPECIFIC ACTION AT THIS TIME, ALTHOUGH THEIR INFORMANTS FROM BEIRUT INDICATE THAT MEXICO IS TARGETED IN GENERAL PLAN FOR BALCK SEPTEMBER OR OTHER TERRORISTS IN LATIN AMERICA.
4. FOLLOWING " NON- EVENT" DEMONSTRATION OF MAY 9, STUDENT UNREST SEEMS TO HQVE SUBSIDED IN MEXICO CITY. ATMOSPHERE OF SOME TENSION

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CONTINUES TO REIGN IN PUEBLA WHERE A NOT ENTIRELY POPULAR CANDIDATE
WAS INSTALLED TO REPLACE RESIGNING GOVERNOR.

5. EMBASSY RECEIVED ONE CALL MAY 9 ALLUDING TO POSSIBLE FURTHER
KIDNAPPING ATTEMPT. OUR CONSUL IN MATAMOROS WAS THE TARGET OF
OBVIOUS PRANKSTERS WHO VOICED THREATS AGAINST HIM MAY 9,
(MEXICO 3252). EMBASSY DOES NOT REGARD EITHER OF THESE EVENTS AS
CONSTITUTING A SERIOUS SECURITY THREAT.

6. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH CONCERNED ELEMENTS OF
COUNTRY TEAM.

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